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ADVENTURE INTO **FEAR** TM WITH

THE MAN CALLED **MORBIUS**..

THE LIVING VAMPIRE



BY POPULAR
DEMAND!!
THE PULSE-POUNDING
PREMIERE
OF A STARTLING
NEW SERIES!!

IS HE
MAN..
OR
MONSTER..
OR
BOTH?

SENSES-SHATTERING **SUSPENSE**--
MACABRE **MYSTERY**--
IN THE FRIGHT-FRAUGHT
TRADITION OF
DRACULA!

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AND NOW IT BEGINS, THE STARTLING SAGA OF

MORBIUS

THE LIVING VAMPIRE!

THE CAVEMEN HAD THEIR OMENS, WHICH WARNED WHEN NOT TO DARE VENTURE FROM THEIR ROCK-BOUND SHELTERS, FOR FEAR OF THE DEMONS ROAMING JUST BEYOND THEIR FUCKERING CAMPFIRES...

TONIGHT, THE UNCOMMONLY HOT AUTUMN WIND IS AN OMEN TO THOSE OF LOS ANGELES THAT THEY, TOO, OUGHT REMAIN SAFELY INSIDE THEIR SHELTERS...

...FOR TONIGHT, THERE STALKS

...A VAMPIRE!



BECAUSE YOU SHOUTED FOR IT,

STAN LEE
PRESENTS:

A NEW SERIES--
A NEW
ADVENTURE
INTO FEAR!

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WHY--?
IT'S MRS.
FERGUSON'S
CAT!

C'MERE, KITTY... IT'S
ALL RIGHT! WHAT
COULD'VE SCARED
YOU SO?

NOW... NOW...
DON'T PULL
AWAY... IT'S--

--GOOD
LORD!



AND YOUR...
FANGS!

SWEET HEAVEN--
YOU'RE A... A... A



YES, I HEARD HER
SAY IT-- JUST
BEFORE I DRANK!

SHE SAID IT-- "VAMPIRE!"
AND EVEN IF SHE LIVES
THROUGH MY FEAST-- THIS
WILL BE A NIGHTMARE TO
HAUNT HER THE REST OF HER
DAYS!

TO BE SO
BEAUTIFUL--
AND YET SO
FOREVER
SCARRED!

IT'S A
CURSE
ALMOST AS
VICIOUS
AS MY
OWN!

BUT STILL, I MUST
GLIDE AWAY-- OR
THE THIRST MAY
STRIKE AGAIN--

--AND MY SECOND
ATTACK, NO HUMAN
COULD SURVIVE!

NOW, BEFORE THE SUN RISES
AND I BECOME WEAK AS A
CHILD, I MUST SLEEP!

YES,
SLEEP--
BUT FIND NO
PEACE!

AND AGAIN THE AWFUL DREAMS
SURGE FORTH-- AS THEY DO
EVERY NIGHT--

--DREAMS OF MICHAEL MORBIUS'
UNSUCCESSFUL SELF-EXPERIMENTATION--
DESIGNED TO SAVE HIS LIFE--BUT
WHICH INSTEAD DAMNED IT!*

*SPIDER-MAN #102-- ROY.

IMMEDIATELY, THE
THIRST STRUCK--
AND HIS FIRST
VICTIM WAS
CLOSEST
FRIEND!

IN TEARS AND RAGE, HE
FLED-- YET THE HORROR
OF HIS DEED STILL HAUNTS
HIM!

MANY TRIED TO STOP HIM--
THE HUMAN TORCH AND
SPIDER-MAN, FOR TWO...*

*MARVEL TEAM-UP #3-- R.T.

...AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER,
THE X-MEN!*



THEY,
NEITHER THE
BRASH
ICEMAN--

*TEAM-UP #4 -- R.T.

BUT THERE WAS ONE MUTANT
WHO COULD INSTILL FEAR
INTO MORBIUS' BREAST--

--AND HE WAS SCOTT
SUMMERS-- ALIAS CYCLOPS.

IN DESPERATION,
MORBIUS SOUGHT TO
SHIELD HIMSELF WITH
THE BODY OF MARVEL
GIRL--



--NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.

--NOR THE AVENGING ANGEL--WERE ABLE TO MATCH HIS INSANE
POWER!



--BUT BLOODLUST
INSANITY WAS NOT ENOUGH
TO MATCH A FAST-MOVING
MAN OF INTELLIGENCE--

AND SO
LATER,
IN THE LAB
OF X-MEN
MENTOR
PROFESSOR
X...

HMMM... A MOST AWESOME AFFLICTION,
SCOTT...



TO COUNTERACT
A BLOOD-CELL
DEFICIENCY, AN
EXPERIMENTAL
ENZYME WAS
ADDED TO HIS
BLOODSTREAM!

IT SAVED HIS LIFE-- BUT
MADE HIM A VAMPIRE!

IS THERE **NOPE** FOR HIM, SIR?

I-- I-- DON'T **KNOW**, SCOTT! I HAVE RUN THE MOST **THOROUGH** OF TESTS--AND FEEL ON THE **VERGE** OF AN ANSWER--!

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING **MISSING**-- SOMETHING I CANNOT **PIN DOWN**!

AND THERE IS **JUST** NOT ENOUGH--**TIME**!

UNKNOWN ENEMIES THREATEN US, AND--



I'LL **STOP** HIM, SIR!



I'LL GET **MARVEL GIRL** AND--

NO! IT'S TOO LATE-- HE'S **ESCAPED**!

BESIDES, WE HAVE MORE **PRESSING** CONCERNS-- THE **MYSTERIOUS ABDUCTIONS** OF THE **OTHER X-MEN**!



*DETAILS COMING UP IN CAPTAIN AMERICA/FALCON SOON!--R.T. & M.F.



BUT EVEN HERE, TRAGEDY FOLLOWED--

--IN A FORTUNE-TELLER'S GLOBE, DEPICTING THE MURDERED CORPSE OF HIS FIANCEE!*

*VAMPIRE TALES #1--R.T.

YES, 'TIS A DREADFUL MOVIE TO RUN THROUGH THE MIND...

BUT PERHAPS THE MOST HORRIBLE ASPECT OF IT...



...IS THAT THERE IS NO ENDING!

--BEFORE MY MOST UNHOLY THIRST DRIVES ME AGAIN TO MURDER!

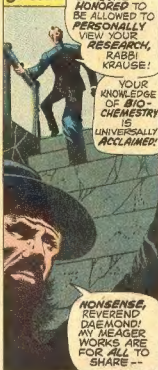


HAVE NO FEAR, STRANGER! WE ARE MEN OF PEACE!

STRANGE--THOUGH MY THIRST IS RISING ANEW--

--SOMEHOW I RETAIN MY SANITY!

OUTSIDE...



I'M QUITE HONORED TO BE ALLOWED TO PERSONALLY VIEW YOUR RESEARCH, RABBI KRAUSE!

YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BIO-CHEMISTRY IS UNIVERSALLY ACCLAIMED!

NONSENSE, REVEREND DAEMON! MY MEAGER WORKS ARE FOR ALL TO SHARE--

--FOR YOURSELF, AS WELL AS ANY FRIEND!



--EH?

WHO INTRUDES UPON MY REST?

FLEE, YOU MEN OF GOD--



YOU... YOU ARE AT PEACE WITH YOURSELVES--AND DO NOT FEAR ME!

PERHAPS THAT IS WHY I AM NOT FORCED TO STRIKE!

A MOST WONDROUS EVENT!

YOU SPEAK IN PUZZLES, STRANGER! PERHAPS YOU CAN ENLIGHTEN US AS TO YOUR TROUBLES!

OUR HELP IS FREELY OFFERED YOU!



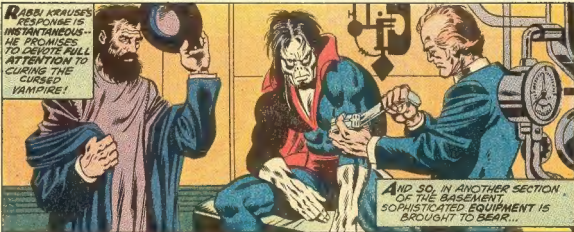
A MOST PECULIAR MEETING--AND PERHAPS--A MOST FORTUNATE ONE!

I AM MICHAEL MORBIUS...

RABBI KRAUSE'S EYES WIDEN AT THE NAME--FOR MORBIUS' BLOOD SYSTEM RESEARCH IS RENOWNED...

...AND THEY CONTINUE TO WIDEN AS MORBIUS RELATES THE STORY OF HIS ACCURSED AFFLICTION!

RABBI KRAUSE'S RESPONSE IS INSTANTANEOUS-- HE PROMISES TO DEVOTE FULL ATTENTION TO CURING THE CURSED VAMPIRE!



AND SO, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE BASEMENT, SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT IS BROUGHT TO BEAR...

...AS RABBI KRAUSE DIRECTS YET MORE TESTS ON MORBIUS!



...IS IT ANY WONDER EVEN THE VAUNTED RABBI IS STYMIED?



BUT IF THE MUTANT SUPER-INTELLIGENCE OF PROFESSOR X HAS FAILED...

THEN, AS THE BIOCHEMIST AND HIS IMPROMPTU ASSISTANT PUZZLE OVER THEIR DISCOURAGING RESULTS...

PERHAPS THESE SCIENTIFIC MEANS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO CONTROL MORBIUS' VAMPIRISM, RABBI!

BUT WHAT OTHER RECOURSE DO WE HAVE, REVEREND DAEMON?

IN THE OLD DAYS, YOU AND I MAY HAVE BELIEVED HIM POSSESSED--

-- BUT MORBIUS DEVIL IS A MOST SCIENTIFIC ONE-- ONE AT PRESENT INCURABLE!

WHATEVER TEMPORARY CALMING EFFECT THEY HAD ON ME IS GONE!

MORBIUS THIRSTS--

I CANNOT STAVE OFF THE THIRST ANY LONGER!







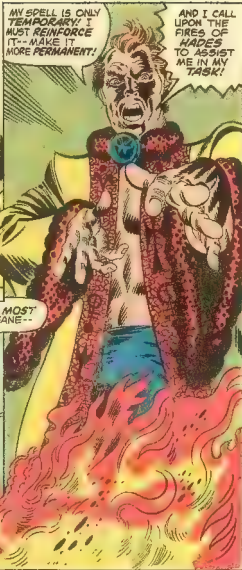
HIS PULSE **WEAK!** HIS EYES... **GLAZED!**

HOW? HOW?



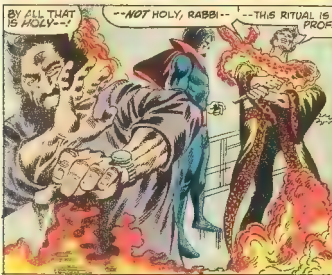
YOU, RABBI, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD KNOW THERE IS MORE ON EARTH THAN MERE SCIENCE!

AYE MUCH MORE!



MY SPELL IS ONLY TEMPORARY! I MUST REINFORCE IT-- MAKE IT MORE PERMANENT!

AND I CALL UPON THE FIRES OF HADES TO ASSIST ME IN MY TASK!



BY ALL THAT IS HOLY--!

--NOT HOLY, RABBI--

--THIS RITUAL IS MOST PROFANE--



--BUT YOU SEE, RABBI! RAUSE-- IT SUCCEEDS!

IT CALMS THE SAVAGE BEAST-- IT STAYS THE KILLING FANGS!



BUT REVEREND DAEMOND...! HOW CAN WE KNOW YOUR CURE TRULY WORKS?

FOOL! MY OBJECT WAS NOT TO CURE MORBIUS--

YOU SEE MINE IS NOT
THE LORD OF HEAVEN--
BUT OF HELL!

I THOUGHT I HAD NEED OF
YOUR SCIENCE TO INCREASE
THAT POWER-- AGAINST MY ENEMIES--

ATTACK,
MORBIUS--
AS I
COMMAND!

KHL
LHHL

STRANGE ARE HIS THOUGHTS AT DEATH'S DOOR HEAR THEY V

Michael
A HEBREW
NAME

"WELL, I'M A GUY"
...TO BE EXACT!...

IRONIC... THAT
IS THAT OF

ENOUGH,
MORBIUS--
HE IS
DEAD!

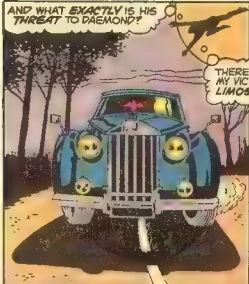
ENOUGH,
I SAID!

A COMPARE





AND WHAT EXACTLY IS HIS
THREAT TO DAEMOND?



THERE IT IS--
MY VICTIM'S
LIMOSINE!

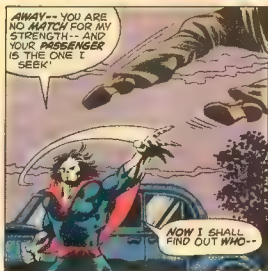
WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
WALKING--



KREE!



AWAY-- YOU ARE
NO MATCH FOR MY
STRENGTH-- AND
YOUR PASSENGER
IS THE ONE I
SEEK!



NOW I SHALL
FIND OUT WHO--



SNAP!

--YOU?!



NEXT ISSUE: > THE VAMPIRE'S VICTIM?

WHAT WAS THERE TO FEAR FROM A COLLECTION OF WAX IMAGES? KENYON WASN'T A BIT FRIGHTENED, UNTIL ONE OF THE IMAGES MOVED!

MIDNIGHT IN THE WAX MUSEUM!

THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS. SOMEBODY I CAN'T HELP THINKING IT WASN'T JUST COINCIDENCE THAT ANDERS DUCKED IN HERE.

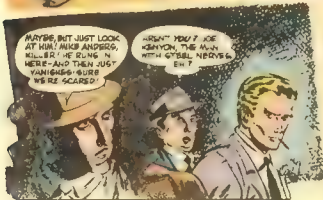
ANDERS DUCKED IN HERE BECAUSE THE COPS WERE AFTER HIM, AND FOR NO OTHER REASON! YOU GUYS SCARE EASY, DON'T YOU?



KENYON GRINNE? THESE MEN WERE LIKE CHILDREN, AFRAID OF SHADOWS! HE MADE NO EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONTEMPT OUT OF HIS VOICE!

MAYBE, BUT JUST LOOK AT HIM! ANDERS, KILLER! HE RUNG IN HERE—AND THEN JUST VANISHED! SURE WE'RE SCARED!

AREN'T YOU? JOE KENYON, THE MAN WITH STEEL NERVES, EH?



THAT'S RIGHT RELAX, BOYS! ANDERS IS GONE, REMEMBER THE TROUBLE WITH YOU & THAT YOU'VE ALL GOT TOO MUCH IMAGINATION!

AND I SUPPOSE YOU HAVEN'T COME OFF IT KENYON!





I'M NO HERO BUT I'D NOT LIKE
THE AVERAGE MAN, EITHER!
I DON'T LET MY IMAGINATION
RUN WILD! TO ME THIS IS JUST
ANOTHER JOB!

THAT'S EASY TO SAY
K...A... DOUG HERE
YOU COMPANY B...
I REMEMBER WHEN BRAYS
YOU'D BE F... HERE
W... ALONE FOR
A WH...?



LET'S SEE HOW MUCH OF A HERO
YOU REALLY ARE! I'VE GOT
TEN DOLLARS THAT SAYS
YOU WON'T SPEND A NIGHT
IN THIS PLACE ALONE!

YOU'RE KIDDING
WHAT WOULD THAT
PROVE?



IT WOULD PROVE IF YOU JUST
TALK TO MEAR YOURSELF FOR
ONE THING I DON'T THINK
YOU'VE GOT NERVE ENOUGH
TO DO IT

AND NEITHER DO I
DO YOU TAKE US UP
OR DO YOU BACK
DOWN, KENYON?



BUT THE BEGINNING IT SEEMED
BILLY TO KENYON. BUT IF THE
OTHERS WANTED TO BE SHOWN,
WHY NOT? SO "I WAS GOON
ARRANGED

OKAY, WE'VE GOT PERMISSION
FROM THE OWNER WE'LL LOCK
THE DOOR BEHIND US

AND I STAY IN HERE
UNTIL YOU LET ME OUT
IN THE MORN... I'LL
SLEEP TIGHT,
HEY? I KNOW I WILL!



OF ALL THE ROTTEN BREAKS!
I WOULD PICK THIS NIGHT TO
GET INSOMNIA!



KENYON TOSSED AND
TURNED, AND AFTER A
WHILE, IT SEEMED TO
HIM THAT THE SHADOWS
BEGAN TO WRE THE AND
W...?

THIS IS CRAZY! I
KNOW THERE'S NOTHING
ALIVE IN THIS PLACE
EXCEPT ME! WHAT AM
I SO NERVOUS ABOUT?



SOMETHING MOVED!
I HEARD IT!

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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

This one's for you older Marvelites, for the True Believers who've been with us to these many years. Remember how we used to rap about the fact that so many people thought comic-books were just for kids? And remember how I'd clue you in to Marvel's greatest crusade — to your Bullpen's vow to change that image — to give the comic-book its rightful place within the media — to have it fully accepted as one of the most powerful, most viable forms of communication the world has ever known? Remember how we'd pledge never to rest till the intellectual community bestowed upon the comic-book all the attention and the recognition it has so rightfully earned?

Well, I guess you know what I'm leading up to. We may not yet be all the way home, but we're mighty close. Never before have so many newspapermen, disc jockeys, college students, musicians, sports figures, and other assorted full-grown adult types been so fanatically tuned-in to the wondrous world of Marvel! Never before have we received such massive mountains of mail from so many campuses throughout the free world! In fact, within the past few months alone, yours truly just finished a whirlwind college lecture tour, speaking at Iowa State, Bennington College, Allegheny, Montana State, the University of Delaware, and Northwestern U., just to name a few. Never have I seen more enthusiasm, more excitement, or more ebullient interest — interest in the stories, the illustrations, the conception — everything in fact that has to do with the production and the philosophy of your friendly neighborhood Marvel mag!

So, on behalf of your breathless, blushin' Bullpen, let me thank each and every one of you for helping us make a dream come true. Yea verily, you and we together have transformed yesterday's feckless little "funny books" into one of today's most widely-hailed art forms — and Marvel loves ya for it!

Excelsior!

Stan

P.S. Please spare our poor little overworked secretary. If there's any campus I may have bypassed, send your lecture request directly to American Program Bureau, 850 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, Boston, Mass. 02167. They just love to open mail!

S.L.

ITEM! All right, sahib — it's teaser time! See if you can guess just what this thing is, smack dab in the middle of our bombastic Bulletin Page (besides a picture of the ever-incredible Hulk, that is) — and why we stuck it there, anyhow!



Sorry, we can't let the cat (or ol' Greenskin) out of the bag till next issue — but at that time, we promise you a zinger bargain than you ever saw on "Let's Make a Deal"! And while you're waiting, why not send us your guesses as to what it is! Who knows? Even if you don't figure out quite what we're planning to lay on you come Christmas-time, you're just liable to give us some far-out new ideas we never thought of!

ITEM! Oh, and lest we forget: Here's this month's immortal message about an upcoming epochal event in one of our mags. It's in our very own Spider-Man Code, and it goes like this:

RQF ILFBSHFY UJDTUF
EFIRQ SO LGXSVW — YSHDJP
BSSJ DJ RQF QUXWI

By the way, in case you're wondering why we've been using Spidey Code for the past few months, it's because that's the only one revealed to date in the pages of our special FOOOM Magazine, which is sent out as an extra bonus to everybody who joins the wildest, way-outest fan club in comics history. But, more codes are coming up fast, 'cause even as we speak, jaunty JIM STERANKO is putting the finishing touches on our fourth fabulous issue.

If you're not yet a member of FOOOM — why fool yourself? You're gonna join up sooner or later anyway, once the word gets back to you on what you're missing! Why not make it sooner — 'cause the way our ranks are filling up, there sure aren't gonna be any back issues of FOOOM Magazine available for long! A word to the wise . . . !

ITEM! Starting next month: A full page of Bullpen Bulletins — plus a brand-new Bullpen Bonus Page, with nutty items about our giant 75¢ titles, eye-catching new FOOOM ads and items — and just about anything else that catches our fancy! 'Nuff said!

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THEN, SUDDENLY, DARKNESS ENVELOPED KENYON LIKE A BLACK CLOUD! BUT AFTER A WHILE, THERE WAS LIGHT AGAIN...

NO... YOU CAN'T KILL ME...
YOU CAN'T....

HE'S COMING
OUT OF IT.



YOU! WHERE IS HE? WHERE'S
ANDERS? HE WAS HERE! WE
FOUGHT! CALL THE POLICE!

ANDERS? HERE? TAKE IT
EASY! WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?



KENYON TOLD HIS STORY, BUT THE
REACTION WAS NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED!

ANDERS? THAT'S
GOOD!

GOOD? IT'S
TERRIFIC!



THE OTHERS LAUGHED! THEY ROARED... UNTIL, AT LAST,
KENYON COULD ENDURE NO MORE!

YOU'RE MAD... ALL
OF YOU! YOU MUST BE!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

YOU ARE! THIS IS
EVEN BETTER THAN
WE HOPED FOR! YOU
NEVER FOUGHT WITH
ANDERS LAST NIGHT!
YOU COULDN'T
HAVE!



THERE'S WHAT YOU MUST HAVE
FOUGHT WITH! ANDERS' BUNNY!
YOU PROBABLY HIT YOUR HEAD
ON THE WALL AND KNOCKED
YOURSELF OUT!

YOU FOOLS!
DON'T YOU
GET IT?
THIS IS A TRICK!
ANDERS MUST
HAVE HEARD
YOU COMING!



HE SMASHED THE DUNNY AND
RAN, SO YOU'D THINK JUST
WHAT YOU DO THINK! BUT
HE WAS HERE!

IF HE WAS, IT WAS
THE NEATEST TRICK OF
THE CENTURY! HE'S THE
FIRST MAN WHO CAN BE
IN TWO PLACES AT
ONCE!



KENYON RAGED! BUT AT THE END HE KNEW THE
TRUTH! HE REALLY WASN'T SO VERY DIFFERENT
FROM THE AVERAGE MAN AFTER ALL!

ANDERS WAS CAPTURED LAST
NIGHT, KENYON! NOT TEN
MINUTES AFTER WE LEFT
HERE! I'D SAY YOU HAD
QUITE AN IMAGINATION,
WOULDN'T YOU?



A BRAND NEW NAME-- A BRAND NEW EXCITEMENT--
BUT THE SAME MAGNIFICENT **MARVEL MAGIC!**

THE
FIRST
AND STILL THE
GREATEST
BLACK
SUPERHERO
OF ALL!

LOOK OUT!
HERE HE
COMES--AND
BULLETS
WON'T
STOP HIM!

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THE ARMORED MIGHT OF
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